

Table 3. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use, by Size of Farm: 1978 and 1974

	Farms		Land in farms (acres)		Harvested cropland (acres)		Irrigated land (acres)	
	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974	1978	1974
All farms..... number.....	38 923	33 240	9 604 986	9 133 275	4 915 221	3 628 199	681 960	701 587
with harvested cropland.....	26 940	23 525	8 487 817	7 825 292	4 915 221	3 628 199	680 137	695 587
with irrigated land.....	4 131	3 777	2 233 044	2 048 420	1 591 825	1 212 703	681 960	701 587
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres..... number.....	3 952	1 709	15 629	6 912	4 422	3 012	647	485
with harvested cropland.....	1 405	818	7 277	4 218	4 422	3 012	619	286
with irrigated land.....	337	118	1 518	585	642	299	647	485
10 to 49 acres..... number.....	11 716	9 233	318 056	264 318	90 350	74 625	6 870	6 998
with harvested cropland.....	6 928	5 625	192 572	162 340	90 350	74 625	6 513	5 861
with irrigated land.....	681	531	17 090	14 691	8 362	6 889	6 870	6 998
50 to 69 acres..... number.....	2 932	3 049	169 788	176 522	50 101	47 903	3 803	5 833
with harvested cropland.....	2 083	1 964	120 795	113 547	50 101	47 903	3 644	4 949
with irrigated land.....	152	193	8 875	11 267	4 476	5 882	3 803	5 833
70 to 99 acres..... number.....	3 425	3 524	281 152	289 161	81 313	73 852	6 904	8 786
with harvested cropland.....	2 396	2 282	197 132	187 885	81 313	73 852	6 694	8 164
with irrigated land.....	188	213	15 537	17 770	9 541	9 879	6 904	8 786
100 to 139 acres..... number.....	3 689	3 169	420 122	366 605	125 928	105 778	10 512	15 889
with harvested cropland.....	2 540	2 314	291 138	268 516	125 928	105 778	10 404	15 418
with irrigated land.....	198	267	22 921	31 047	14 587	19 111	10 512	15 889
140 to 179 acres..... number.....	2 060	2 107	324 279	331 423	115 518	103 482	12 351	16 504
with harvested cropland.....	1 619	1 575	254 864	247 844	115 518	103 482	12 199	15 852
with irrigated land.....	204	215	32 965	33 745	18 432	21 226	12 351	16 504
180 to 219 acres..... number.....	1 562	1 633	309 282	322 033	130 005	112 613	11 491	21 970
with harvested cropland.....	1 286	1 239	254 738	244 706	130 005	112 613	11 491	21 170
with irrigated land.....	132	187	26 351	36 968	19 427	27 034	11 491	21 970
220 to 259 acres..... number.....	1 201	1 120	284 945	266 734	127 615	99 636	14 593	17 943
with harvested cropland.....	1 025	889	243 346	211 794	127 615	99 636	14 239	17 803
with irrigated land.....	124	141	29 583	33 589	22 579	24 800	14 593	17 943
260 to 499 acres..... number.....	3 615	3 463	1 296 516	1 232 959	716 378	559 787	114 814	132 595
with harvested cropland.....	3 207	2 974	1 154 919	1 064 609	716 378	559 787	114 559	132 440
with irrigated land.....	728	725	269 836	265 021	222 242	189 243	114 814	132 595
500 to 999 acres..... number.....	2 798	2 397	1 938 996	1 647 922	1 265 515	864 475	202 394	192 408
with harvested cropland.....	2 602	2 165	1 807 612	1 492 778	1 265 515	864 475	202 194	191 468
with irrigated land.....	797	674	562 257	465 713	464 160	328 811	202 394	192 408
1,000 to 1,999 acres..... number.....	1 383	1 242	1 851 541	1 650 665	1 180 476	814 673	170 646	166 499
with harvested cropland.....	1 304	1 144	1 749 818	1 529 079	1 180 476	814 673	170 646	166 499
with irrigated land.....	426	364	566 699	485 892	433 752	306 927	170 646	166 499
2,000 acres or more..... number.....	590	594	2 394 680	2 578 021	1 027 600	768 363	126 935	115 677
with harvested cropland.....	545	536	2 213 606	2 297 776	1 027 600	768 363	126 935	115 677
with irrigated land.....	164	149	679 412	652 132	373 625	272 602	126 935	115 677
5,000 acres or more..... number.....	104	(NA)	1 021 277	(NA)	320 556	(NA)	40 229	(NA)
with harvested cropland.....	94	(NA)	942 947	(NA)	320 556	(NA)	40 229	(NA)
with irrigated land.....	28	(NA)	306 050	(NA)	121 289	(NA)	40 229	(NA)

Table 4. Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Farms and land in farms operated by:						
All operators..... farms.....	38 923	33 240	42 269	3 400	2 723	5 518
acres.....	9 604 986	9 133 275	9 788 662	242 693	227 007	357 316
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	26 940	23 525	29 210	2 212	2 068	4 401
acres.....	4 915 221	3 628 199	3 443 108	105 820	82 612	137 020
Full owners..... farms.....	22 319	20 128	24 586	1 830	1 829	3 034
acres.....	3 055 189	3 506 204	3 752 338	98 935	113 652	170 838
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	13 451	12 564	14 364	1 083	1 306	2 121
acres.....	908 724	865 453	795 967	26 437	23 623	38 936
Part owners..... farms.....	10 975	8 765	10 918	702	479	850
acres.....	4 985 061	4 223 862	4 489 527	99 881	71 512	102 942
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	9 174	7 473	9 229	627	407	768
acres.....	2 934 647	1 972 894	1 835 827	53 539	36 638	50 145
Tenants..... farms.....	5 629	4 347	6 765	868	415	1 634
acres.....	1 564 736	1 403 209	1 546 797	43 877	41 843	83 536
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	4 315	3 488	5 617	502	355	1 512
acres.....	1 071 850	789 852	811 314	25 844	22 351	47 939
Percent of tenancy..... percent.....	14.5	13.1	16.0	25.5	15.2	29.6
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family..... farms.....	35 096	(NA)	(NA)	3 233	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	6 792 524	(NA)	(NA)	206 421	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership..... farms.....	2 899	(NA)	(NA)	124	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1 513 115	(NA)	(NA)	21 868	(NA)	(NA)
Corporations..... farms.....	748	(NA)	(NA)	12	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	1 193 177	(NA)	(NA)	8 270	(NA)	(NA)
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	45	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	190 620	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	606	(NA)	(NA)	10	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	688 747	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders..... farms.....	20	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	141 082	(NA)	(NA)	—	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders..... farms.....	77	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	172 728	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc..... farms.....	180	(NA)	(NA)	31	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	106 170	(NA)	(NA)	6 134	(NA)	(NA)

Table 4. **Operators—Tenure, Type of Organization, and Characteristics: 1978, 1974, and 1969—Con.**

	All farms			Farms operated by Black and other races ¹		
	1978	1974	1969	1978	1974	1969
Operators by age group:¹						
Under 25 years.....	1 127	608	627	67	25	74
25 to 34 years.....	4 764	3 442	4 099	241	158	407
35 to 44 years.....	7 679	5 643	7 867	458	357	873
45 to 54 years.....	8 693	8 289	11 110	774	590	1 413
55 to 64 years.....	9 509	8 784	12 135	975	819	1 719
65 years and over.....	7 151	5 904	6 431	885	774	1 032
Average age.....	50.7	51.7	51.4	55.2	56.0	53.4
Operators by place of residence:¹						
On farm operated.....	26 830	18 782	28 187	2 504	1 540	3 750
Not on farm operated.....	7 478	6 371	8 296	538	505	896
Not reported.....	4 615	8 087	5 786	358	678	872
Operators reporting days of work off farm:¹						
None.....	14 909	11 283	(NA)	1 222	1 049	(NA)
Any.....	22 368	15 564	23 387	2 028	1 153	2 903
1 to 49 days.....	2 196	1 505	2 958	219	185	551
50 to 99 days.....	1 375	989	1 979	212	136	361
100 to 149 days.....	1 362	1 080	4 509	186	135	813
150 to 199 days.....	2 407	1 861	13 941	253	181	1 178
200 days or more.....	15 028	10 129	(NA)	1 158	516	(NA)
Not reporting.....	1 646	5 823	(NA)	150	521	(NA)
Operators by principal occupation:¹						
Farming.....	16 722	17 967	(NA)	1 378	1 767	(NA)
Other.....	22 201	14 703	(NA)	2 022	956	(NA)
Operators by sex:						
Male.....	36 811	(NA)	(NA)	3 156	(NA)	(NA)
farms.....						
acres.....	9 302 160	(NA)	(NA)	230 640	(NA)	(NA)
Female.....	2 112	(NA)	(NA)	244	(NA)	(NA)
farms.....						
acres.....	302 826	(NA)	(NA)	12 053	(NA)	(NA)
Operators of Spanish origin.....						
farms.....	376	(NA)	(NA)	17	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	109 475	(NA)	(NA)	3 435	(NA)	(NA)

¹1969 data apply only to farms operated by Blacks; 1974 data apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships; see text.

Table 5. **Operators by Type of Organization for Farms With Sales of \$2,500 or More: 1978, 1974, and 1969**

	1978		1974		1969	
	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, (see text)	Farms	Farms operated by Black and other races, ¹ (see text)
Individual or family.....	19 574	1 044	16 657	954	16 948	1 233
farms.....						
acres.....	5 948 395	139 042	5 973 136	130 671	5 819 269	158 343
Partnership.....	2 213	74	1 355	26	2 459	131
farms.....						
acres.....	1 440 055	19 165	1 066 915	8 429	1 454 206	23 385
Corporations.....	723	10	460	(NA)	468	28
farms.....						
acres.....	1 187 446	(D)	881 693	(NA)	809 708	4 904
Family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....	44	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	(D)	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....	583	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	686 956	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other than family held:						
More than 10 stockholders.....	20	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	141 082	—	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 or less stockholders.....	76	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres.....	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	83	6	70	(NA)	200	18
farms.....						
acres.....	48 838	3 170	52 526	(NA)	104 455	2 835

¹1969 data for farms operated by Blacks only.